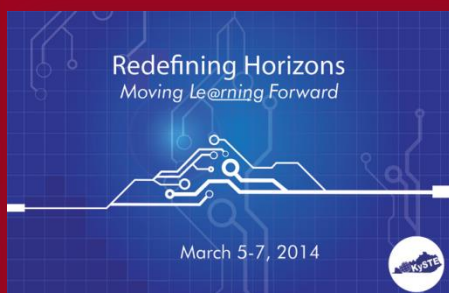


KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA NEWS

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR
KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

Upcoming Conferences



**KY Society for
Technology in Education
(KySTE)**
March 5-7
Louisville
Register [here](#).



**KY Council of Teachers
of English/Language
Arts**
February 21-22
Lexington
Register [here](#).

OTHER PROFESSIONALS GROWTH AND EFFECTIVENESS SYSTEM (OPGES)

Becky Nelson, library media specialist at Hearn Elementary School in Franklin County, and Paul Lanata, director of Library Media Services for the Jefferson County school district, are members of the “Other Professionals” Growth and Effectiveness System (OPGES) advisory work group. “Other Professionals” includes school librarians, nurses, school psychologists, speech therapists and other non-classroom certified professionals. The work of the advisory group includes looking carefully at the components of the classroom teacher PGES, in particular the effectiveness measures of student growth; professional growth and self-reflection; student voice; student growth goals; and peer observation and providing recommendations and guidance for schools and districts as they pilot PGES for “other professionals” in 2014-15.

All districts will participate in piloting the OPGES for 2014-15; however, a decision about which school librarians (or guidance counselors, etc.) will participate has not been made. As you prepare for possible participation in the pilot, and for participation in the full implementation (2015-16), make sure you are entered into Infinite Campus (IC) within your district. Information and resources to support OPGES flow from Infinite Campus into CIITS.

I also encourage you to prepare for the new evaluation system by visiting the PGES [website](#) and by talking with colleagues who are participating in this year’s classroom teacher pilot.



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BELFRY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY STUDENT COUNCIL BY SANDRA BROWN, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Belfry High School Library Student Council members are sharing their love for reading with area elementary school students. "Holidays at the Public Library" is the themed teamwork between Belfry High School and the Belfry Public Library. Connie Maddox, librarian at Belfry Public Library, and I are enjoying the relationships, friendships, and opportunities to share learning opportunities and experiences with students of all ages. Juniors and seniors who make up the library student council include Keri Jordan, Courtney Bowman, Easwar Soma, Jessie Morrison, Caitlyn Bowman, Stacy Coleman, Maecie Rollins, Taylor Runyon, Savanna Swafford, Taygan Mullins, Alex Mendoza, Cyndey McCoy, and Erica Coleman. We are so proud of these young adults for taking the time from their busy schedules to read books, sing songs, and make crafts with Pre-K and early elementary age children.



Holidays at the Library participants

The theme for October was "Spooktacular Reading at the Belfry Public Library." Students shared ghost and goblin books and ghost stories. For the November theme, "We are Thankful for Books," students read *If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620* by Ann McGovern, *Thanks for Thanksgiving* by Julie Markes and *Perky Turkey's Perfect Plan* by Judy Goodspeed. Everyone shared the title of his or her favorite book and discussed what made that specific book their favorite and why they were thankful for books. For December's "A Merry Little Christmas for Books," participants received a recommended book list for children's books to use as a Christmas wish list. January's theme is Martin Luther King Jr., and everyone is looking forward to February's sweetheart month.

Each "Holidays at the Library" closes with a craft, refreshments of cookies and milk, and many hugs. Attendance for the events is growing rapidly; the last event was double the attendance of previous events! We are pleased with the attendance and the increased circulation at the public library.

The library student council and I also started a free tutoring program at an area elementary school stemming from "Holidays at the Public Library." The library student council members are a wonderful group of students to work with, and the "Holidays at the Public Library" was so much fun, the group wanted to work more with young children. So, we devised a plan for after school tutoring for K-5 students who are struggling with math, reading, and science, and presented the plan to Mark Gannon, Belfry High School principal, for approval. Secondly, we contacted the principal at Southside Elementary, Jill Maynard, and the program has now soared into a successful educational enrichment program. The program allows "aspiring teachers" opportunities to be the teacher instead of the student. The curriculum comes from collaboration between principals, teachers, the library media specialist and library student council members.

For more information about the above article, contact Sandy Brown at sandy.brown@pike.kyschools.us.

Read about Jessamine County's school and public library collaboration in the [Spring 2011 issue](#) of *KY School Library Media News*.

**For information about 2014 Summer Reading Programs
at your local public library, click [here](#).**

Did you know?

The deadline to apply for the 2014 [Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant](#) is March 15.

21st CENTURY LITERACY AT LINCOLN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SARNDRA UPCHURCH, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

Collaboration and using technology to enhance 21st century literacy skills are the driving forces behind the latest best practices project at Lincoln County High School. Library media specialist Sarndra Upchurch and AP English language and composition teacher Kelly Mullins are in their second year with the project. They implemented ideas Sarndra garnered from fellow library media specialists at [KET's Multimedia Days](#).

AP English language and composition students preview new library books, create a book trailer for a new book of their choice, publish the trailer online, write a collegiate level book critique on their chosen book, record an [Audioboo](#) of the book, and finally create quick response (QR) codes to place in the back of their book. Other students can then scan the QR codes with their smart phones to watch the trailers or listen to the [Audioboo](#) of the books.



Students scan QR codes to see book trailers on their phones

"I have mixed emotions about this project because it was very challenging, but I felt accomplished after finishing," said one of the participating students. Another reflected, "I learned that the more I put into something the better I do."

Read more about this project on KDE's "[Best Practices](#)" web page under the heading *Using QR Codes in the Media Center: A Collaboration Project with English Classes*.

For more information about this project, contact Sarndra Upchurch at sarndra.upchurch@lincoln.kyschools.us.

To learn how to create your own QR codes, try this website: <http://goqr.me/>



Do you have a great lesson plan, unit plan, or assessment? KY public educators are encouraged to submit instructional materials and assessment items into CIITS. Click [here](#) to find out how!

Kentucky's library media standards, adopted from the American Association of School Librarians in 2010, are accessible in CIITS. Use them to build lesson plans, create assessments, and search for resources.

Did you know?

You can obtain login credentials from CIITS (Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System) by going to <https://ciits.kyschools.us/>.

FEATURED LIBRARY BLOG

Try Curiosity!

Click [here](#).

FEATURED PD360 RESOURCE

**“Classroom Behavior:
Narrating Positive Behavior”**
video from PD360

Click [here](#).

**FEATURED DIGITAL
RESOURCE**

Digital Driver’s License
Click [here](#).

FEATURED TWEETCHAT

**ALA’s archived “Copyright
Tweetchat”**
Click [here](#).

FEATURED WEBSITE

ReadWorks.org
Click [here](#).

FEATURED ARTICLE

**“Beyond the Classroom”
Knowledge Quest (AASL)**
Click [here](#).

KENTUCKY LIBRARIANS CONNECT ONLINE

#KyLChat (Kentucky Library Chat)

Join the lively discussions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.



PD360 Group: “Kentucky School Librarians”

Join to discuss all sorts of topics related to school library media programs. Access to CIITS is required to join the group.

Padlet: Project-based Learning

Share your ideas about project-based learning on a padlet at <http://padlet.com/wall/KYlibrarymedia>. Double click on the padlet wall to add your idea. Then be sure to check back to see what others have added!

Lync sessions on library related topics from KDE

Click below for archived sessions.

- December 11, 2013: [KY Virtual Library](#) with Enid Wohlstein
- January 8, 2014: [Redbook Guidelines & Book Fairs](#) with Susan Barkley.

Listed below are other social media connections associated with the Kentucky Department of Education. Join a discussion to learn and to contribute!

- “Like” KDE on Facebook: www.facebook.com/kydeptofed
- Follow KDE on Twitter: www.twitter.com/kydeptofed
- Subscribe to *Kentucky Teacher* online: www.kentuckyteacher.org
- Follow Dr. Holliday’s blog: <http://kyedcommissioner.blogspot.com/>
- Participate in a Twitter Chat: #KyLChat (Kentucky Librarians), #KyEdChat (Kentucky Educators)

“Like” KY Association of School Librarians (KASL) on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/pages/Kentucky-Association-of-School-Librarians-KASL/263816356965943

Did you know?

In order to have access to the appropriate resources for the upcoming OPGES pilot, every school librarian must be entered into Infinite Campus (IC). Make sure you are listed!

KY School Library Media News Archives

Volume 5, Issue 2: [Fall 2013](#)
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 Volume 3, Issue 4: [Spring 2012](#)
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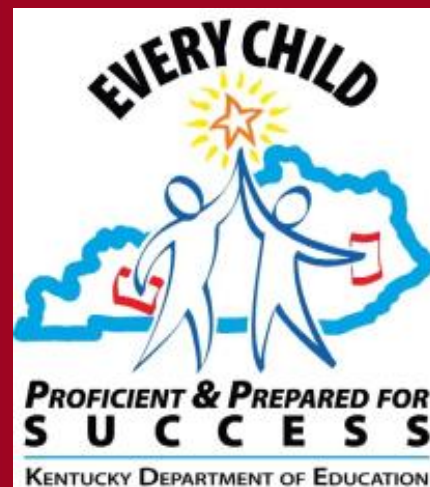
[English/language arts](#)

[Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies](#)

[Reading Standards for Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects](#)

[Writing Standards for Literacy in HSST Subjects](#)

[Mathematics](#)



Professional Organizations

Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL)
<http://www.kysma.org/KASL/Welcome.html>

Kentucky Library Association (KLA)
www.kylbasn.org/

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl

American Library Association (ALA)
www.ala.org

Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
www.kyreading.org

KYVL – KCAS Resources

[KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards K-5](#)

[KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards 6-12](#)

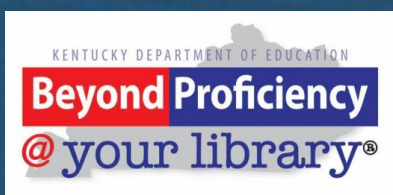
[Kentuckiana Digital Library](#)

Kentucky Virtual Library ([KYVL](#))



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- [Beyond Proficiency @ your library Web page](#)
- [Beyond Proficiency @ your library webcast](#)
- [Beyond Proficiency @ your library document](#)
- [Library Media Program Rubric](#)
- [Sample Evaluation Tool for School Media Librarians](#)